

DECLARATION

As the below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**THERMOCOUPLES AND RESISTANCE
TEMPERATURE DETECTORS OIL-WICKING SEAL FITTING**

the specification of which:

- ☒ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and with amendments through _____ (if applicable).
- ☐ was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/____/____ on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 and/or PCT Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent of inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

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(Number)	(Country)	(Day, Month, Year)	
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I hereby claim provisional application priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any provisional application(s) filed under 35 U.S.C. §119(b) listed below:

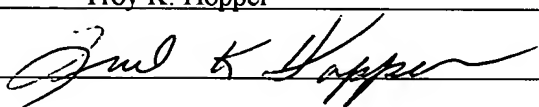
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

_____ (Application Serial No.)	_____ (Filing Date)	_____ (Status: patented, pending, abandoned)
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

FULL NAME OF THE INVENTOR: Troy K. Hopper

INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE: 

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ADDITIONAL JOINT INVENTOR(S) LISTED ON ATTACHED SHEET? ☐ Yes ☒ No

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

In re Application of:	§	Atty Docket No.:	DRYA,002-03
Troy K. Hopper	§		
Serial No.:	§	Examiner:	Unknown
Filed: April , 2004	§		
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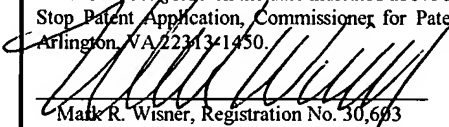
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Mark R. Wisner, Registration No. 30,603

April 8, 2004
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY AND
ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.71**

Sir:

The undersigned, being the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified patent application, hereby elects under 37 C.F.R. §3.71 to prosecute this patent/patent application to the exclusion of the inventor(s)/previous assignee(s). In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b), attached hereto in the form of a Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) executed by the Assignee is documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the Assignee or a specification by reel and frame number of where such evidence is recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office. Included in that Certificate is a statement specifying that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed and certifying that, to the best of Assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the Assignee.

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Power of Attorney and appoints:

Mark R. Wisner, Registration No. 30,603; and

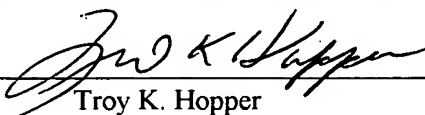
Malcolm H. Skolnick, Registration No. 33,788;

jointly and severally, as Assignee's attorney or agent, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this patent application, to make alterations and amendments therein, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

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By: 
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Title: President

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(B)

Dear Sir:

Thermo/Probes Inc., a Texas corporation, certifies that it is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent/patent application identified above by virtue of:

☒ A. An Assignment from the inventors of the patent application identified above.

☐ The Assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____; or

☒ A copy thereof is attached.

☐ B. A chain of title from the inventor(s) of the patent/patent application identified above to the current assignee as shown below:

1. From: _____
To: _____

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To: _____

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☐ A copy thereof is attached.

☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

☐ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent/patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the Assignee identified above.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the Assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereof.

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Name: Troy K. Hopper

Title: President

Signature: 